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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATS' VISIT TO CAMBODIA: VIETNAMESE EXODUS

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1. FOLLOWING IS MUNRO'S REPORT ON SWEDISH AMBASSADOR  
BJORK'S COMMENTS ON EXODUS OF VIETNAMESE FROM  
CAMBODIA (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

2. BEGIN TEXT. CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS SAY THAT  
CAMBODIA'S ENTIRE VIETNAMESE MINORITY HAS LEFT THE  
COUNTRY AND MOVED TO VIETNAM, BJORK SAID.

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3. BJORK SAID VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES IN PHNOM PENH CONFIRMED THAT THE VIETNAMESE MINORITY--APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS--HAS LEFT CAMBODIA IN RECENT MONTHS. ALTHOUGH BJORK SAID HE DID NOT DISCOVER EXACTLY HOW THIS MASSIVE TRANSFER OF POPULATION WAS ORGANIZED, "THERE WAS SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CAMBODIA AND NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM."

4. THE SWEDISH ENVOY CALLED THE MIGRATION "A REMARKABLE CHANGE THAT HAS PASSED ALMOST UNNOTICED." THE CAMBODIAN LEADERS SUGGESTED THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE EITHER UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO JOIN CAMBODIAN COOPERATIVES AND THAT IT WAS FELT THEY SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND TO JOIN VIETNAMESE COOPERATIVES. BJORK SAID CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS POINTEDLY NOTED THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE IN CAMBODIA IN THE FIRST PLACE ONLY BECAUSE "FRENCH IMPERIALISTS" HAD IMPORTED THEM AS LABORERS MANY DECADES AGO. END TEXT  
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